

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are currently pending in the present application, with Claims 1, 3, and 4 being amended. Amendment the claims are not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arnold et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,908,997). This rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to the amended claims.

As previously communicated, the present invention is directed to an apparatus and method for selecting data sets stored in an external storage device, such as musical song data stored in a CD-ROM drive, a hard disk HDD, or the memory of an electronic musical instrument, wherein each . In order to simplify and make more efficient the selection of data sets, the present invention facilitates the selection of a particular external data storage device, then a group of data sets from a directory of data groups, followed by the selection of a particular data set from the chosen group of data sets. Furthermore, the claimed invention, as amended, includes an initial page set device that allows for the user to pre-select an order by which certain data sets are to be displayed n the display screen. By providing this feature, the user can access faster certain frequently used data sets without having to, for instance, scroll down or even to the next page.

As also previously communicated, Arnold is directed to an electronic music instrument wherein a file and song can be selected by a contacting a labeled button within a directory frame. Arnold does not contain any disclosure or suggestion of an initial page setting device or method for pre-selecting a set of initial page data sets. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claims 1-4, as well as new Claim 5, are not anticipated by, nor obvious in view of, Arnold.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 393032012600. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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